

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

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1. (Previously Presented) A magnetic disk device comprising:  
  
magnetic disks;  
  
magnetic head arms providing access to the magnetic disks; and  
  
wind shield members each arranged above or below said magnetic disks  
  
in a region adjacent to and on the rotationally upstream side of said magnetic head arms for  
restricting the impact of an air flow generated by the rotation of the magnetic disks against  
the magnetic head arms;  
  
wherein an edge on the rotationally entrance side of said wind shield  
members have a curved guide surface for guiding the generated air flow to the outside of the  
magnetic disks.
  2. (Canceled)
  3. (Previously Presented) A magnetic disk device according to claim  
1, wherein said wind shield members have a cross-sectional shape which becomes  
progressively smaller toward an edge thereof on the rotationally exit side.

4. (Previously Presented) A magnetic disk device according to claim 1, wherein said wind shield members have surface portions arranged opposed to, and in proximity with, upper and lower surfaces of said magnetic disks, whereby the generated air flow is introduced between said surface portions and the magnetic disks thereby to prevent the magnetic disks from being displaced in the direction of the thickness thereof.

5. (Previously Presented) A magnetic disk device according to claim 1, wherein said wind shield members are formed in a wind shield block, said wind shield block having a support post and said wind shield members transversely extending from said support post, said support post having a curved surrounding surface concentric with said magnetic disks and surrounding an outer periphery of the magnetic disks with a small gap therebetween.

6. (Previously Added) A magnetic disk device comprising:

- magnetic disks;
- magnetic head arms providing access to the magnetic disks; and
- wind shield members each arranged above or below said magnetic disks in a region adjacent to and on the rotationally upstream side of said magnetic head arms for restricting the impact of an air flow generated by the rotation of the magnetic disks against the magnetic head arms;

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wherein said wind shield members are formed in a wind shield block, said wind shield block having a support post and said wind shield members transversely extending from said support post, said support post having a curved surrounding surface concentric with said magnetic disks and surrounding an outer periphery of the magnetic disks with a small gap therebetween.

7. (Previously Added) A magnetic disk device according to claim 6, wherein said wind shield members have a cross-sectional shape which becomes progressively smaller toward an edge thereof on the rotationally exit side.

8. (Currently Amended) A magnetic disk device comprising:  
magnetic disks;  
magnetic head arms providing access to the magnetic disks; and  
wind shield members each arranged above or below said magnetic disks in a region adjacent to and on the rotationally upstream side of said magnetic head arms for restricting the impact of an air flow generated by the rotation of the magnetic disks against the magnetic head arms;

wherein said wind shield members have surface portions arranged opposed to, and in proximity with, upper and lower surfaces of said magnetic disks, whereby the generated air flow is introduced between said surface portions and the magnetic disks

thereby to prevent the magnetic disks from being displaced in the direction of the thickness thereof, and

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wherein the surface portion of the wind shielding member has an inner side facing the center of the disks, said inner side having a dimension greater than a dimension which is radially measured between the inner side and the outer periphery of the disks.

9. (Previously Added) A magnetic disk device according to claim 8, wherein said wind shield members have a cross-sectional shape which becomes progressively smaller toward an edge thereof on the rotationally exit side.

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